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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	Hans-Wulf Pfeiffer
Application No. 09/929,267	Filing Date: August 14, 2001
Title of Application:	Method Of Increasing The Boundary Layer Strength On Surfaces Of Workpieces Made Of Brittle Hard Materials
Confirmation No. 9985	Art Unit: 1731
Examiner	John Hoffmann

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Notice of Appeal to the Board of
Patent Appeals and Interferences**

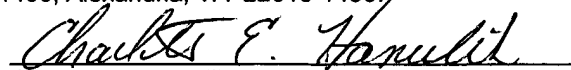
Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board from the Office Action, mailed March 29, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1 – 18, all pending claims in the application.

1. **Fee for Filing Notice of Appeal.** Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(b), the fee for filing this Notice of Appeal is \$330.00.
2. **Time To Reply.** The final rejection is dated March 29, 2005. The period for response granted therein is three months from the date thereof. Thus, this Notice is timely filed on or before July 29, 2005 with a one-month extension of time. A Request for a one-month extension of time and the appropriate fee is filed herewith.

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July 14, 2005


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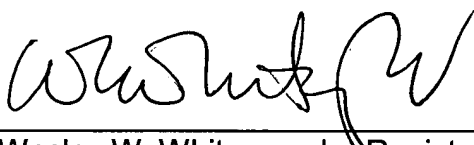
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3. **Fee Time Extension.** Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1), the fee for filing the one-month extension is \$120.00.
4. **Fee For Oral Hearing.** Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(d), the fee for requesting an oral hearing is \$290.00.
4. **Total Fee Due.** The total fee due is:
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| Notice of Appeal fee | \$330.00 |
| Time Extension fee | \$120.00 |
| Oral Hearing fee | <u>\$290.00</u> |
| Total | \$740.00 |
5. **Fee Payment.** Attached is a credit card authorization in the amount of \$730.00. This is also a petition and a request to charge to Account No. 19-4516 for any additional extension and/or fee as may be required or credit for any excess fee paid.

Respectfully submitted,



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